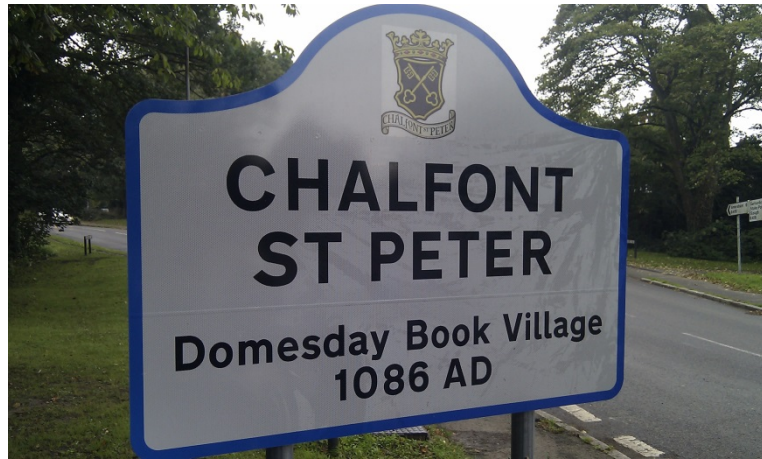


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Happy New Year. PCSO's Roland Lobo and Jen Shraga will be hosting "Cops and Coffee" at Crumbs, Market Place, Chalfont St Peter on **Wednesday 7th January** between 11:30 and 12:30. This is an opportunity to pop in and discuss issues relating to the Neighbourhood. It is not a formal, timed meeting so please pop in if you are passing by. We will have a selection of free crime prevention literature available. These meetings have been scheduled to occur once a month throughout 2015.

Wednesday 7th January

A Special Evening of Presentations by GXSA Members (Trinity House talk has been cancelled)

Part 1

Steve Daish - What could possibly go wrong ? The perils of yacht delivery.

Steve describes a recent sailing trip in the Med which all ended rather abruptly...

Part 2

Bernie Smallman - Antarctica in comfort

Bernie talks about her recent visit to the Falklands, South Georgia and Antarctica. She will describe the round Cape Horn.

Visitors welcome (£5) 9:45 for 20:15 UTC Colston Hall Gerrards Cross Community Association
The Memorial Centre 8 E Common Gerrards Cross, SL9 7AD

AMERSHAM FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Friday **9th January, 8pm** at St Mary's Amersham. Italiano Concertos for the New Year. Vivaldi, Corelli, Albinoni, Rossini & Zipoli.

Friday **6th February, 8pm** at St Mary's Amersham, Beethoven & Haydn. Tickets: 03336663366 and available on the door. www.amershamfestival.org

THE Buckinghamshire Trustee Forum is on **20 January 2015** (1.45-5pm) The Gateway Conference Centre, Aylesbury. An extremely popular event, it is tailored for Trustees or Management Committee Members of Charities or Voluntary Groups in Buckinghamshire. We are pleased to announce Karl Wilding, Director of Public Policy, NCVO, as our keynote speaker.

Attendees will benefit from: Updates on the latest key issues, the opportunity to discover the world of social media for Trustees and to hear first-hand from a young Trustee, and the chance to network and share with peers. They will also find out how Community Impact Bucks can help them in their roles, and be able to attend one of the following three breakout sessions: Find out about Employing Staff – Trustee responsibilities and key pitfalls to avoid. Hear about Charities and Trading – what Trustees need to be aware of when considering the development of trading activities. How does your Board or Management Committee measure up? – taking a fresh look at the core principles in Governance. We would be delighted if you could promote this event in the Buckinghamshire press, and we also welcome you to attend and provide coverage of the day:

To book your FREE place, please call Jenny on 01844 348820 or email info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

THE Chalfont St Peter Garden Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month, at 8pm in the Church Hall, Church Lane. The first meeting this year is on **18th February** – when photographer, Tom Way will present ‘Wildlife on your Doorstep’. Visitors are welcome and they just pay an entrance fee.

THEFT from vehicle - Glebe Road, Chalfont St Peter. This information has been sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police

Between approximately 17:00HRS on 30/12/14 and approximately 17:30HRS on 30/12/14 there was a theft from motor vehicle on Glebe Road, Chalfont St Peter. On this occasion a handbag was taken from the front footwell. We would like to take the opportunity to ensure all items are removed from your vehicles when leaving them unattended whilst keeping them locked and secure.

If you have any information regarding the above incident please contact PCSO C8058 ALLEN on 101. If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Please be mindful of your personal security. You can find important and helpful advice on securing your property www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com

Please consider a few simple prevention steps to your property:-

1. Keep windows and doors shut, locked and in good condition
2. Property mark your valuables with a UV pen or forensic property marking kit, then register on www.immobilise.com <<http://www.immobilise.com/>>. Make a note of all model numbers and serial numbers of all electrical items.
3. Use a timer switches to make your home look occupied in the evenings
4. Ensure car keys are safely stored away from the front door
5. Keep tools and ladders locked away out of sight.

For more Crime Reduction tips and information please visit our website

www.thamesvalley.police.uk
<https://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/rm_desktop/www.thamesvalley.police.uk> and click on the 'crime prevention' tab.

VOPAG (Village Older Persons Action Group) provides a great opportunity to meet other people, learn about new interests and also join in trips to interesting places. Meetings are on Tuesdays in the middle of each month and there are also 4 outings planned for 2015.

The first meeting of the year is on **Tuesday, 20th January**, in the Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, 10am for coffee and 10.30 meeting starts. This should be an excellent lecture as local historian, Denise Beddows, will present ‘Spies and Subversives’. Denise has written an excellent book about famous local people, under her pseudonym of D J Kelly and it can be obtained from Chalfont Office Direct, in Market Place.

February 17th, in the Community Centre, same time and place as above, also promises to be special, as the speaker will be Fiona Castle, the widow of Roy Castle. The talk is entitled ‘Life after Roy’. Further information on the lectures will be in the Village Voice each month.

The outings are **March 2nd** – a tour of the BBC at Broadcasting House, June 18th - visit to the Battle of Britain bunker, RAF Uxbridge, **April 23rd** – London's East End, cable car and the Olympic Park, and May 21st, Royal London, a river tour from Westminster Pier, featuring the history of the Thames

To join the group, just turn up to the meeting

2015 is a special year for St Joseph's Church in Austenwood Lane, as it has reached its centenary. 100 years ago, the Discalced Carmelites were invited to come and establish a parish here and the church has provided a place to meet and to support the local Catholic community, as well as sharing support for local people with the other churches in the village.

There is good co-operation between all the local churches, assisted by interdenominational services for special occasions.

St Joseph's is a fine and well-built church, but after 100 years there are sure to be some repairs to be undertaken and it is planned to upgrade some facilities. The oratory, for services that just have a small congregation, has already been beautifully refurbished.

The programme of events that will take place over the year is now under way. The first item is on Friday, **30th January**, a Ladies Pamper Evening, when they are invited to go along to the church hall and enjoy an evening of relaxation and fun. Local beauticians will be offering mini manicures, mini facials and mini neck and back massages. Silver jewellery, scarves, clothing and beauty products will be on sale. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets: £5 entrance fee includes a glass of Prosecco and nibbles.

On Saturday, **7th March**— the professional Christian theatre company, RISE Theatre, will be performing their brand new original play '**White Rabbit**'. This is a powerful story about two people's journey to faith, a journey of love, loss and self-discovery.

St Patrick's night will be celebrated on Saturday **14th March**. A night of "ceoil, rince agus craic", from 7pm 'til late. Go and celebrate Ireland's patron saint, St Patrick, with traditional Irish food and featuring storytelling from the Bard of Armagh and music by Pookawn. Tickets £35 per person.

More details on www.stjosephs.org.uk

A NEW U3A IS COMING TO CHALFONT ST PETER ON 28TH JANUARY 2015

JUST COME ALONG TO FIND OUT MORE

Do you like sharing your knowledge and experience with others? Would you like to benefit from others' knowledge and experience? Do you like forming new friendships and developing new interests? If so then perhaps a new U3A in the Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross area could be just the thing for you. Although it is called the University of the Third Age, there are no exams, no qualifications are asked for, none are given. There are no study routines. U3A is a body of people joining together for creativity, fulfilment and friendship.

U3As are run by the members for the members and activities are far ranging and varied with the members as a resource. Some interest groups will be based upon a member's knowledge or enthusiasm, some based upon joint "ignorance" but a desire to know more! Antiques to Zumba, it's all possible.

U3As are democratic, self-funded and self-managed and administered by an elected committee. The members and the committee share the jobs involved in running the U3A. U3As are all members of the THIRD AGE TRUST, a registered charity and benefit from being part of a large national organisation.

If you would like to know more, and would like to have a U3A in the Chalfonts and Gerrards Cross area, come along to the launch meeting to be held at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter SL9 9 QX

On 28th January 2015 at 1.30pm

www.u3a.org.uk